

The Incident Command System But You're Not In Command



Class Ground Rules

- We're Learning Together
- Participation is Required
- No Participation = No lasting Impact
- You May Well Know MUCH More Than I Do.
- The Republican Rule



The Republican Rule

“Never say anything disparaging about another Republican.”

Amateur Radio Operators and
Emergency Workers should never say
anything disparaging about others.

Always find something positive to
contribute. In an emergency or crisis
response, encouragement is the only
acceptable response

Personal Background

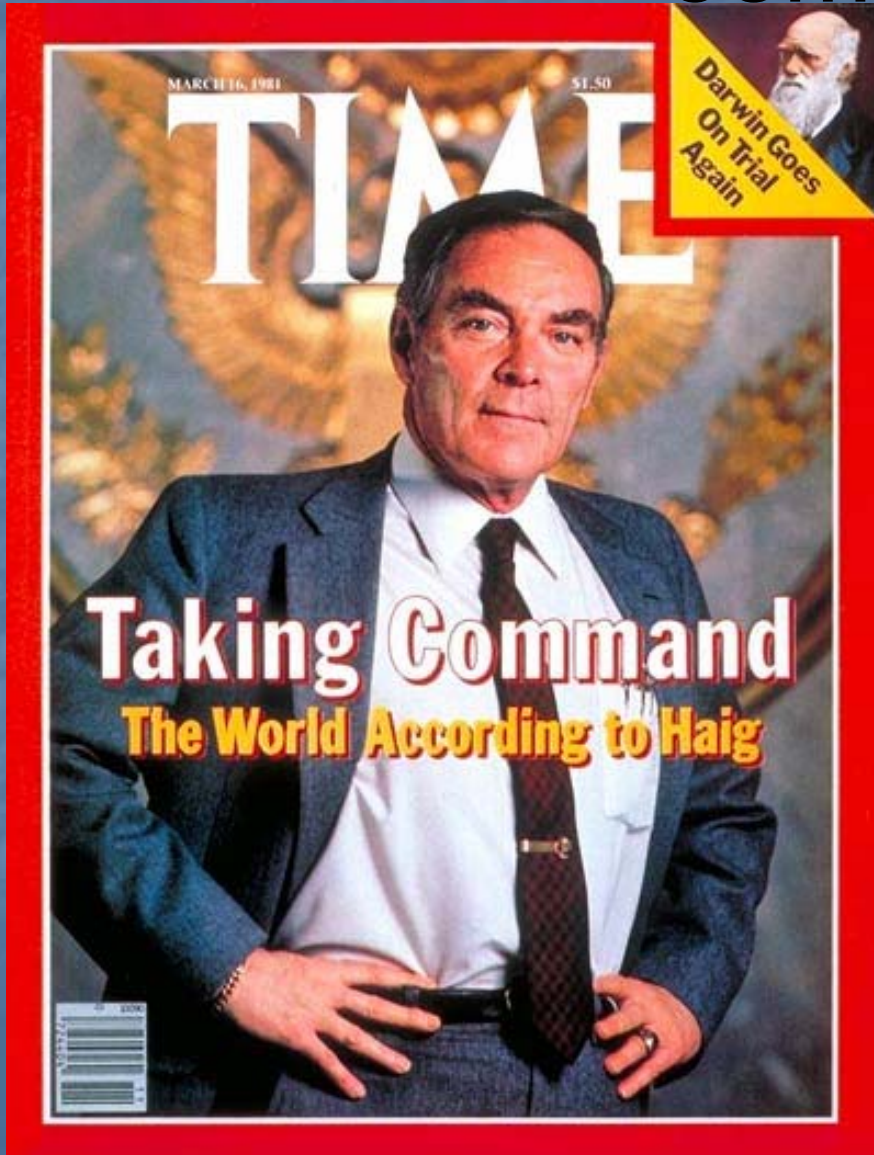
- N7HOV
- Oregon State University
- Lane County Deputy Sheriff
- U.S. Coast Guard Officer
- Port of Seattle Seaport Security

Lessons in Command



Disclaimer: Yes, I know the content is not accurate to U.S. Navy nomenclature, rank, ship designations, etc... Please try to enjoy the humor anyway.

Reality – Who's Really In Command?



Constitutionally, gentlemen, you have the president, the vice president and the secretary of state, in that order, and should the president decide he wants to transfer the helm to the vice president, he will do so. As for now, I'm in control here, in the White House, pending the return of the vice president and in close touch with him. If something came up, I would check with him, of course.

So Who's In Command?

- Police?
- Fire?
- You?
- Someone Else?
- Nobody?

Reality – Who's Really In Command?

- Probably Not You or I
- But You Could Be!
- The Incident Commander/Unified Command
- Served Agency Protocols

How can you best serve others?

- Train
- Drill
- Exercise
- Serve Wherever The Need Exists
- Share Your Experience and Wisdom With Others
- Repeat

ICS Who Needs It?

- Some Say Everyone
- Required By Some Agencies
- What Level Of Training Is Needed?
- What If I Don't Have ICS Training or Experience?

What Happened?



ICS Who Needs It? (continued)

- If You Don't Have ICS Training, You Still Have Value
- If You Do Have ICS Training, You May Or May Not Be More Valuable
- In A True Emergency Or Incident Response, Ability To Perform Is What Is Important, Not A Piece of Paper Indicating Course Completion

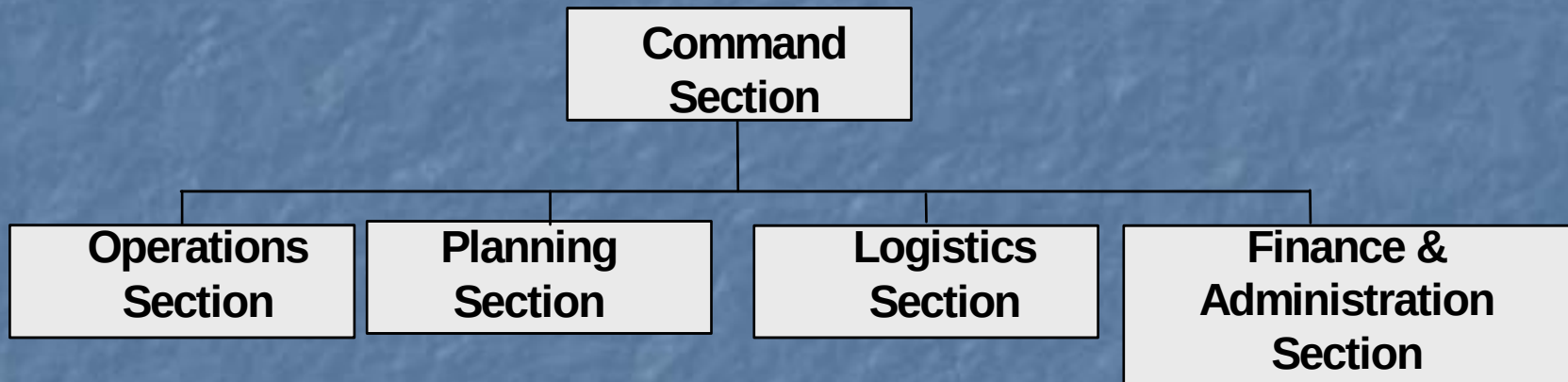
Does He Know ICS?



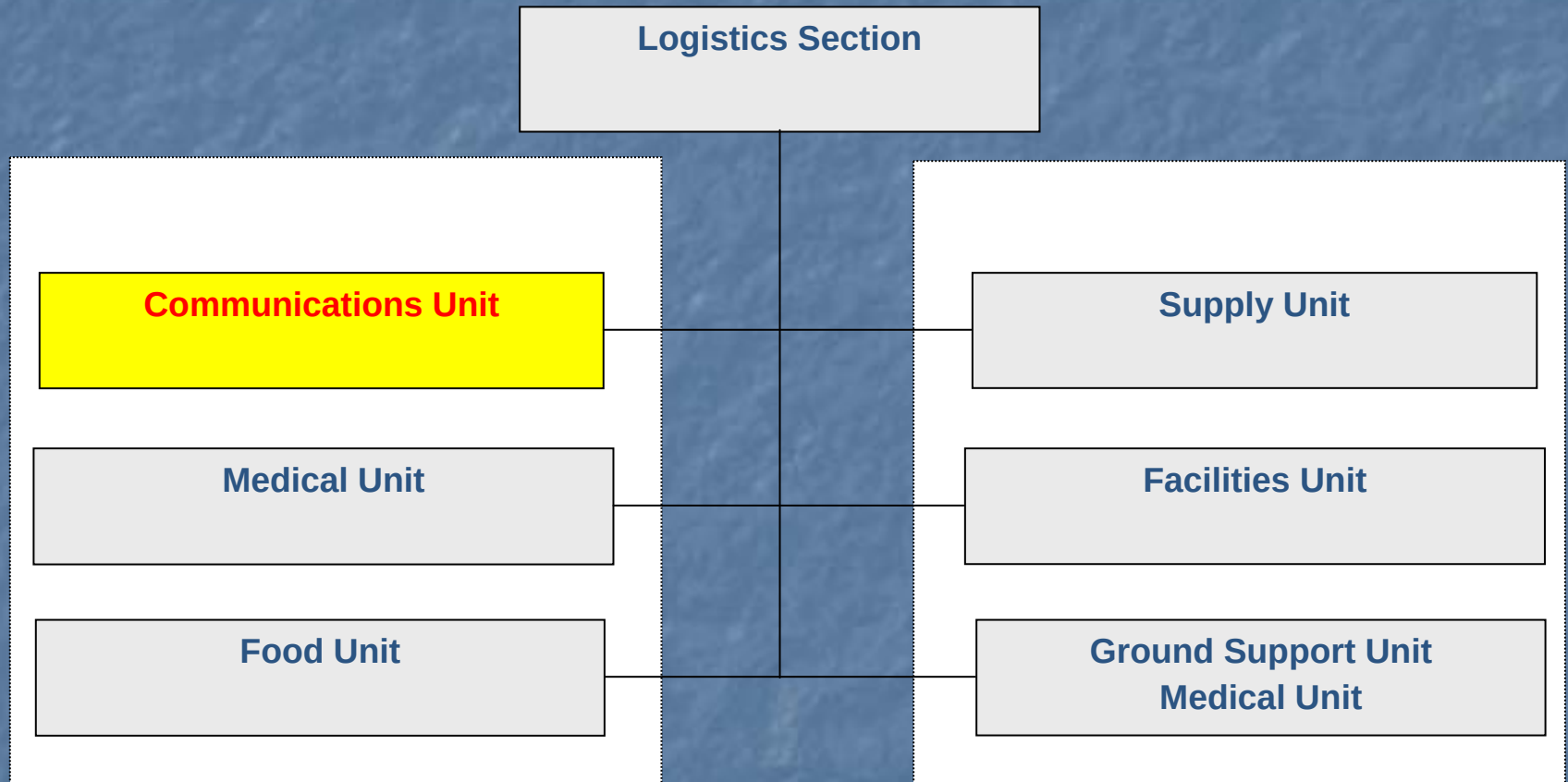
The FEDS say...

- These hazards require a unified and coordinated national approach to planning and to domestic incident management. To address this need, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5: Management of Domestic Incidents (HSPD-5) and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: National Preparedness (HSPD-8) establish the following national initiatives that develop a common approach to preparedness and response.
 - **HSPD-5** identifies steps for improved coordination in response to incidents. It requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies and State, local, and tribal governments to establish a National Response Plan (NRP) and a National Incident Management System (NIMS).
 - **HSPD-8** describes the way Federal departments and agencies will prepare. It requires DHS to coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies and State, local, and tribal governments to develop a National Preparedness Goal

NIMS Says...



A Little More Detail Please...



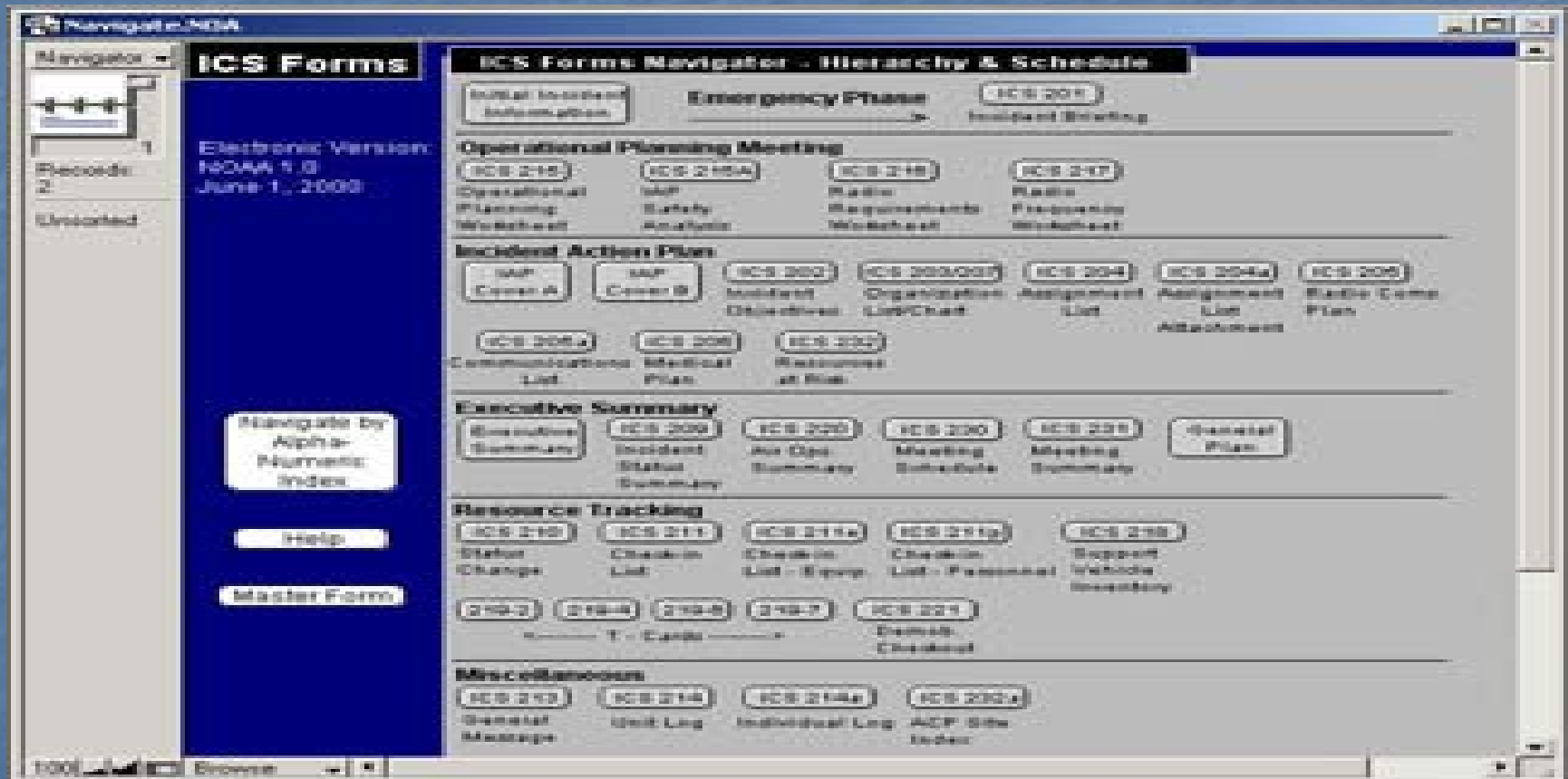
The Academic

- <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/>
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction
- IS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System, I-100
- IS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

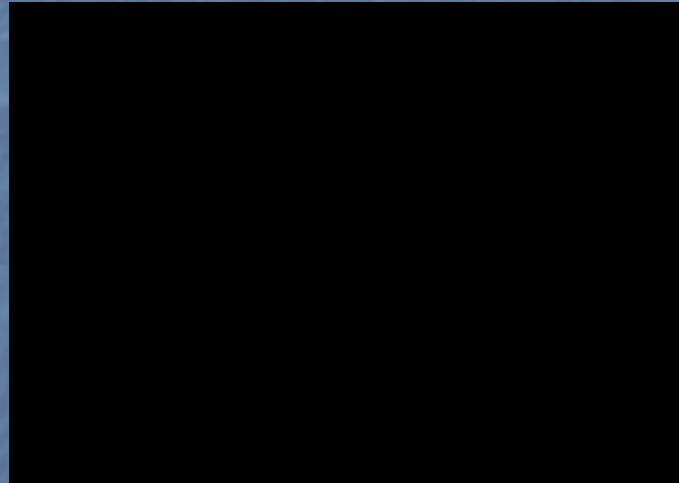
The Academic (continued)

- Sign up to serve with an Agency/Organization
 - ARES
 - RACES
 - ESCA
 - Etc.
- WAC 118-04 Emergency Worker Card
- Advanced Training: ICS, Electronics, First Aid, EMT, Auto Mechanics, Language Skills, Computers, etc.

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It's All About Understanding



What is Your Role?

- Facilitator
- Amateur Radio Operator
- Communicator: Radio, Computer, Documenter...
- Mechanic
- Electrician
- Computer and Network Support
- Other Duties As Assigned

The Practical

- The Most Important Things...
- DON'T BECOME PART OF THE PROBLEM!
- Be prepared to do what is asked of you
- Document EVERYTHING!
- Know your strengths and limitations
 - It's OK if you are not a radio guru
 - Let others know if you are not comfortable with assigned tasks
 - Let others know where your expertise lies

The Tactical

- Most Important Things When Activated...
- Relief
- Demobilization

You're Activated. Now What?

- Identify Operational Period and Relief (Document this)
- Prepare to Demobilize (Document this)
- Assess Ability To Respond/Serve
- Grab Your Kit and Go (Document this)
- Report where assigned & Sign In (Document this)
- Report back to Dispatching Agency (Document this)
- Work as assigned (Document this)
- Prepare to Demobilize (Document this)

How To Be Successful or Your Turn To Talk!

- Nisqually Earthquake, February 28, 2001,
at 10:55 AM
www.arrl.org/news/features/2001/05/08/1/?nc+1
- Fall 2006 Washington State Floods
- Your Examples???





Questions...

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